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| SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Foreclosure Actions for Properties with Significant Administrative Fines | MEETING DATE: May 2, 2024 |
| SUBMITTED BY: Ryan Peterson, Lieutenant | |
| PURPOSE OF REPORT: <input type="checkbox"/> Information only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item | |

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The City Council is being asked to discuss taking various actions including liens and foreclosures for properties with significant outstanding administrative fines and abatement costs.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The City of Clearlake has utilized administrative citations as a tool to enforce city codes and maintain safety and aesthetics in the community. However, certain properties have failed to comply with City regulations despite repeated citations and fines, leading to the accumulation of excessive administrative fines.

The properties identified for possible foreclosure have been subject to ongoing code violations, including trash accumulation, unsafe dwellings, and other health and safety hazards. These issues affect the quality of life for neighboring residents and can decrease property values in the area. To address these concerns, staff are requesting consideration of initiating foreclosure proceedings for properties with excessive fines. The government code allows jurisdictions to foreclose on a lien against private property. This is also currently included in the Clearlake Municipal Code. The City Manager requested the Code Enforcement Division provide a list of 10 properties with significant outstanding fines that have been abated or have a lack of other compliance from the property owner. This recommended list is attached for review and discussion. Six of the parcels are vacant, due to City abatement, the other four need additional abatement work.

OPTIONS:

1. Provide Direction to Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None \$ Budgeted Item? Yes No

Budget Adjustment Needed? Yes No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): General Fund Measure P Fund Measure V Fund Other:

Comments:

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

- Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- Goal #7: Support Economic Development

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

Attachment:

1. Properties Recommended for Foreclosure Memo